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Which induced
Her MAJESTY
TO CREATE
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A
PEER of *GREAT-BRITAIN*:

ALSO

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* *Vixi puellis nuper idoneus,*
Et militavi non sine gloria:
Nunc Arma ——— ———

Hor. Ode XXVI. Lib. III.

PRESENTED BY MUSEUM BRITANNICUM

WHEREAS our Beloved and very Faithful *Samuel Maſſam* Eſq; ſprung from an Equeſtrian Family of the Superior Order, having been admitted into our Service from his very Childhood, has recommended himſelf to us by his Candour, and Ingenious Diſpoſition; and after, when he came to Years, *A Share of Succeſs and Glory attended his Arms* * But whether he acted at Home or Abroad, whether in the Court or in the Parliament, he wholly addicted his Mind, which was fill'd with an unſhaken Fidelity and ſingular Gratitude, to our Service: It is therefore our Pleaſure that ſuch an Accompliſh'd Gentleman be call'd up to the Houſe of *PEERS*, believing that he will prove as Serviceable to the *Public* Intereſt, as we have found him by Experience Devoted to our *Own*. *Now know ye*, &c.

* *Once I was Gay, and Great in Charms,*
Succeſs ſtill waited on my Arms,
In Venus *Battles bravely Stout,*
I Fought and Conquer'd when I Fought:
But now ——— ——— ———

In the Year M.DCC.

CHARLES MOUNTAGUE, Esq; having Contracted some Envy, and some Hatred, by his prevailing Interest at Court, and his long Ascendant in the House of Commons, obtain'd now the Favour of removing to the House of Lords, being Created a Baron of *England*, by the Stile and Title of Baron of *Halifax*, in the County of *York*; the Reasons of his Advancement were expresst in his Patent, *viz.*

SI ab antiquissima Procerum familia Splendorem derivare honestum; si rebus a se pulchre gestis inclarescere glorioſum censeatur, utroq; hoc nomine singulari nostræ Æstimationi sese commendat Prædilectus & perquam fidelis Consiliarius noster Carolus Mountague, *Armiger; illa domo ortus, quæ tres Comites, & octo simul alterius ordinis Senatores, in Imperii nostri Decus & Subsidium fælici ubertate sufficit; illis virtutibus ornatus, quibus nullum honoris Incrementum aut bonus Civis invideat, aut æquus Princeps non ultro offerat. Ingenium ei ad res arduas formavit Natura, excoluerunt literæ, perfecere & bene dicendi Usus, & graviter agendi exercitatio. In tractandis in Senatu Negotiis strenuum & disertum; in Consilio*

* Hist. of *England*, Pag. 791. Vol. III.

IF it be accounted Honourable to be Deſcended from a moſt Ancient Family of Noblemen; if it be any Glory to grow Illuſtrious by great Actions, proceeding from Private and Inherent Merit; our Well-beloved, and very Faithful, Councellor, *CHARLES MOUNTAGUE*, Eſq; on both Accounts recommends himſelf to our Singular Good Opinion and Eſteem, who derives his Splendor from a Houſe, which at once very plentifully provides for the Ornament and Support of our Kingdom, in Three Earls, and Eight Members of Parliament; a Gentleman adorn'd with thoſe Virtues, to which no Good Citizen can envy any increaſe of Honour, and which a Juſt Prince cannot but freely offer: Nature has inform'd him with a Genius to manage Affairs of the higheſt Concern, and which was Cultivated by Learning, and brought to Perfection by a continual Practice of Speaking Well, and the Exerciſe of Tranſacting Wiſely. We have found him, by Experience, to be Strenuous and Eloquent in the Parliament,

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Consilio sanctiori fidum & prudentem, in administrando Ærario habilem & incorruptum, in fisci causis adjudicandis integrum & perspicacem experti sumus. Quod nobis pro Libertate & Religione, pro communi Europæ incolumitate, per novennium militantibus, Bello subsidia haud defecerint, id senatui omnino deberi grate agnoscimus; sed nec tacenda est Viri egregii solertia, qua cautum est, ne in summa Nummorum inopia, fides publica Fænore plus æquo debilitata consideret: Ejusdem quoque felicitati saltem tribuendum, quod Ærario nostro eo tempore præfuit, quo Monetam sceleratorum fraude vitiatam & immutatam, Consilio non minus fausto quam audaci (quod sæculi opus videbatur) infra biennium recudi & redintegrari ad admirationem vidimus; & ingruentibus rei pecuniariæ Angustiis, eo Auctore, novam & inusitatam inivimus rationem, qua Chartæ prætium arrogando, divitias publicas ampliari Curavimus. Ob hæc præstita officia populo se charum præbuit; ab hæc collata in populum beneficia, nostram facile consequutus est gratiam. Qua igitur animi propensione frequentibus subditorum votis solemus Respondere, ea alacritate hunc procerum numero adscribi volumus, quem Senatus communi suffragio, Propter sua in nos, nostrosq; Merita Regio Favore dignum pronunciavit, *Sciatis &c.*

in Council Faithful and Prudent, in managing the Treaſury Dexterous and Uncorrupted, in determining Cauſes relating to the *Exchequer* Unblamable and Penetrating. We gratefully acknowledge ourſelves altogether indebted to the Parliament, for the Supplies we have received to carry on this Nine Years War, in fighting for Liberty and Religion, and the Common Safety of all *Europe*; but yet we muſt not paſs over in Silence the Sagacity of this Excellent Gentleman, who took Care, that in the greateſt Scarcity of Money the Public Credit ſhould not ſink by being overburthen'd with exceſſive Intereſt. We muſt likewiſe reckon it a Happineſs that he was at that Time Chancellor of our *Exchequer*, when, to our Admiration, we beheld the Current Money which was Adulterated and Debas'd by the Fraud and Villany of Wicked Men, in the Space of Two Years, (tho' accounted the Work of an Age,) Coin'd anew, and reſtor'd to its intrinſic Value; an Attempt, as Fortunate as it was Bold; and the Demands for Money increaſing upon us, by his Council and Advice we enter'd upon a New, and Unuſual Method of eſtabliſhing a Paper Credit, whereby we took Care to Advance the Riches of the Nation. For theſe Good Offices he gained the Love and Eſteem of the People, and for the Benefits which they receiv'd by his Means, he has eaſily obtained Ours. Wherefore, as we are always inclin'd to comply with the frequent Wiſhes of our Good Subjects, We Willingly, and with all Chearfulneſs, call him to the Houſe of PEERS, whom the COMMONS, by a Public Vote for his Eminent Services, have pronounc'd deſerving of our Royal Favour.

Now know ye, &c.

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